



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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June 19, 2006

Dry Conditions Great for Hay Harvest

The dry weather allowed farmers to get into the field almost every day resulting in producers completing the first cutting of **alfalfa** and all other **hay** around the state. Temperatures were below normal but still reached the upper 80's in some areas. Small grain harvest has advanced significantly as well with barley harvest 51percent complete. More soil moisture is needed to prevent added stress in **corn**; mainly due to the hot temperatures and minimal rainfall. There were **6.3 days suitable for field work**.

Small grains are in mostly good condition. **Barley** condition was rated 6 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 47 percent good and 12 percent excellent. **Winter wheat** was rated 5 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. **Soybean** planting, at 72 percent complete, is ahead of the five year average of 61 percent..

Pastures are in generally good condition with 3 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 33 percent good and 6 percent excellent. **Hay supplies** are 32 percent short, 62 percent adequate and 6 percent excellent.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 18, 2006

Item		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
Small Grain Development		<i>Percent</i>			
Barley:	Turned	99	77	99	98
	Harvested	51	---	59	43
Winter Wheat: Turned		78	---	70	72
Field Crops					
Soybeans:	Planted	72	68	79	61
	Emerged	64	50	65	50
Hay					
Alfalfa Hay	1st Cutting	99	98	100	87
	2nd Cutting	37	26	10	16
Other Hay	1st Cutting	100	99	100	87
	2nd Cutting	14	8	6	16
Vegetables					
Cantaloups		84	82	99	84
Cucumbers		52	43	61	56
Lima Beans (Processed)		47	39	61	43
Snap Beans		87	83	87	84
Sweet Corn		79	74	84	80
Tomatoes		78	73	97	84
Watermelons		86	80	99	86
Green Peas Harvested		58	48	68	54
Fruits					
Strawberries Harvested		95	82	91	89

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 18, 2006

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
Very Short	12	9	1	11	9	2
Short	27	22	14	37	42	15
Adequate	57	65	65	52	48	72
Surplus	4	4	20	-	1	12

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 18, 2006

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.32	12.33	-6.26	90	55	70	-3
Easton	0.30	13.86	-4.46	88	51	68	-1
Frederick	0.06	16.13	-5.69	85	44	62	-2
Frostburg	0.26	9.27	-8.57	88	52	68	-3
Hagerstown	0.79	11.23	-9.56	85	53	66	-7
Mechanicsville	0.91	10.09	-8.73	84	57	70	-3
Patuxent River	2.24	12.11	-8.39	83	53	67	-6
Ocean City	1.54	13.32	-6.94	85	48	66	-7
Salisbury	0.07	13.28	-5.04	90	43	66	-4
Sharpsburg	0.28	12.17	-7.10	87	58	70	-3
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.39	11.70	-5.31	88	57	72	-5
Dover	0.20	11.56	-8.07	88	57	69	-4
Georgetown	0.50	11.22	-8.77	87	56	69	-3
Wilmington	0.02	15.11	-3.57	85	52	68	-4

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